

Funding Working Group

Policy Recommendations to the Transportation Governance and Funding Task Force

1) *Maintain and enhance the state's commitment to transportation infrastructure funding*

- a) Operate under the principle that users should bear the primary responsibility to fund transportation infrastructure, while acknowledging that both “users” and “beneficiaries” should pay for the growing needs of the state’s transportation system **92.31 % support; 7.69% do not support**
- b) Ensure that cities/counties have tools to utilize “value capture” funding mechanisms **100% support**
- c) Ensure all road users pay an equitable share of transportation infrastructure, including developing a fee structure on alternative fuel or zero-fuel vehicles and bicycles **92.31% support; 7.69% do not support**
- d) Allow cities to utilize municipal transportation utility fees to fund transportation projects **84.62% support; 15.38% do not support**
- e) Coordinate with the current, broader, state sales tax reform effort to ensure that the State's General Fund can continue to contribute to the needs of the transportation system **100% support**
- f) Encourage the state and local entities to consider new, innovative funding sources, including public-private partnerships **92.31% support; 7.69% do not support**

2) *Increase the flexibility of state transportation funding sources*

- a) Allow the Transportation Investment Fund to be used for the highest value transportation infrastructure projects across modes **100% support**

3) *Research alternative funding mechanisms*

- a) Authorize and direct UDOT to begin a Road User Charge (RUC) demonstration/pilot program as a potential future alternative to motor fuel taxes **100% support**
- b) Encourage transit providers to examine alternative fare structures **100% support**